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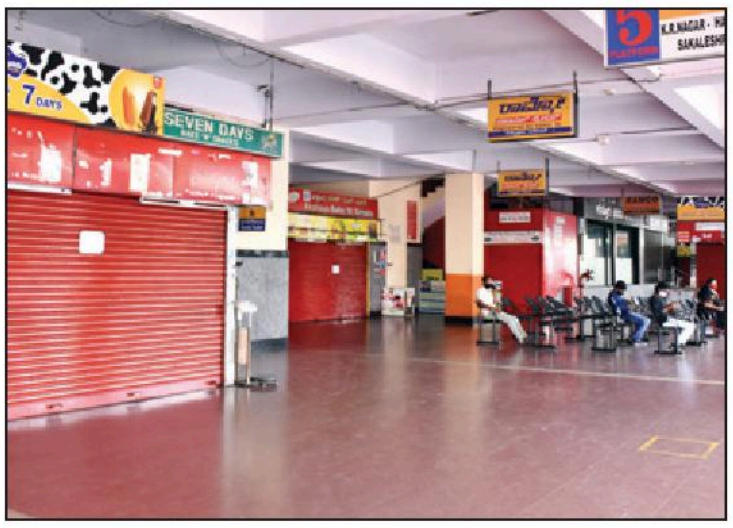
Bus Stand Shops temporarily shut

Citing losses, over 70 tenants close business at KSRTC bus stands



Mysuru, July 13 (RK&BCT)- Citing losses due to COVID-induced lockdown and lack of business even after lockdown rules were relaxed, all the shops, bakeries, hotels and other outlets in KSRTC Bus Stands across the District have temporarily closed business from today. Notices have been pasted on shop's shutters informing the customers about the decision.

There are over 32 commercial establishments in the Mysuru Sub-Urban Bus Stand and in the City Bus Stand complex. In all, there are over 70 shops in the bus stands at Hunsur, Nanjangud, T. Narasipur, H.D. Kote Periyapatna and K.R. Nagar including Mysuru.

These outlets selling snacks, water, food, mobile phones, bakery items and fruits have been rented out by KSRTC and the Corporation gets handsome revenues as rent. Due to lockdown, these shops were shut for nearly three months and even after the transport sector opened up, the desired crowd did not come to these outlets as people were scared to travel.

Even in the buses too, there were minimum people travelling. As a gesture, the KSRTC had waived off rent in total for businesses operating from its bus stand complexes and other commercial buildings for a period of more than two months (Mar. 22 to May 31).

Also, with the exception of mobile towers and Bank ATM counters, the trade licence fee of all other commercial establishments was waived off too till the lifting of lockdown. After the rules were relaxed, the KSRTC had asked its tenants to pay only 20 percent of the rents in June.

(See SHOPS on page 7)

No total lockdown in city

- Only some areas of Narasimharaja Constituency will be completely sealed down: DC
- Decision today evening after meeting with elected representatives, religious leaders

Mysuru, July 13 (RK,KMS& BCT)- Ending speculations of a total lockdown in Mysuru due to rising cases of death and COVID-19 infections, the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has clarified that there will be no complete lockdown in Mysuru District.

The DC told *Star of Mysore* this afternoon that a full lockdown in Mysuru will not be implemented as there is no need for it. This has been conveyed to Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa during a video-conference this morning.

The State Government on Saturday had announced a complete lockdown in Urban and Rural Districts of Bengaluru from July 14 to 22 in a bid to contain the rapid surge in COVID cases and deaths. The CM held a video-conference with DCs from all districts, following which the Government would decide whether to extend the lockdown to other districts.

"During the meeting, I have conveyed to the CM that there has been a rise in COVID cases and deaths only in Narasimharaja Constituency in Mysuru and as such, there is no necessity of a complete lockdown in the District like it has been done in Bengaluru Urban and Rural. Only certain areas in Narasimharaja will be sealed down from Wednesday (July 15) and this will be discussed at a meeting of MLAs, MP and other elected representatives, religious leaders, Police and Health Department officials. The meeting will be held at 4 pm today," he said.

The modalities of lockdown, the areas and Mysuru City Corporation Wards that need to be sealed down and the lockdown duration will be decided during the meeting.

(See LOCKDOWN on page 7)

Travancore Royal Family wins Padmanabha Swamy Temple case in SC

Supreme Court settles 9-year battle between erstwhile royal family and Kerala Govt.

New Delhi, July 13 (UNI)- The Supreme Court this morning sided with the erstwhile Travancore Royal Family for the administration and control of the Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple in Kerala. Settling the nine-year-long dispute, the Top Court overturned the January 2011 judgment of Kerala High Court which had ruled that the State Government should take over the control of the Temple from a Trust headed by former royal family.

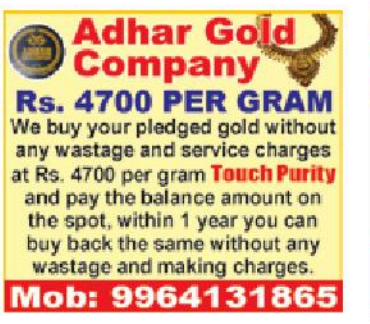
"Great God's will has prevailed. Will say more about it after going through the whole verdict," said Princess Gowri Lakshmibai of Travancore Royal

Family soon after the judgement. Devotees came out in large numbers and distributed sweets before the Sixth Century Temple in Kerala State capital Thiruvananthapuram. Some devotees were even seen crying before the Temple. Kerala State Government welcomed the verdict.

(See TEMPLE on page 7)

II PU results tomorrow

Bengaluru, July 13- The II PUC exam (2019-20) results will be announced tomorrow (July 14) and sent to the individual mobile phone numbers given by the students. The result can also be viewed at ***www.karresults.nic.in.***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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	42
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	815
Total ACTIVE cases	:	356
Persons discharged	:	428
Deaths	:	31

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Monday 13th July 2020

Col. G. Kannan takes charge
as Kudige Sainik School Principal

Kushalnagar, July 13- Col. G. Kannan recently took charge as the new Principal of Kudige Sainik School located in Kudige Agricultural Farm premises near Kushalnagar in Kodagu district. He was received by Vice-Principal Lt. Col. Seema Tripathi. Soon after taking over, Col. Kannan paid floral tributes to martyred soldiers memorial in the campus.

Speaking on the occasion, Col. Kannan expressed happiness about the facilities provided to the students and also lauded the School's achievement over the years.

Noting that Kudige Sainik School was one of the prestigious educational Institutions, he stressed on the need for maintaining discipline, unity and hard work. Expressing concern over the spread of COVID-19, Col. Kannan said that it was important to fight unitedly to tackle the virus, which has been causing great havoc across the world. Emphasising on the need for maintaining COVID regulations, he said it is important for every individual to take precautionary and safety measures such as wearing of face mask, use of hand sanitisers and maintenance of physical distancing for containing the spread of the virus.

He further said that the School must make special efforts for more admission of girl students.

School's Administrative Officer Squadron Leader R.K. Dey, senior teacher S. Suryanarayan and other staff were present.

Col. G. Kannan has the experience of serving as the Principal of various Training Schools of Defence Department. He has been conferred Vice-Chief of Staff Award in recognition of his service. He is a Post-Graduate in Computer Applications and holds a B.Ed degree too.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When I was young, I was thrilled by circus shows where daredevil stunts were performed by men and women who would ride motorbikes on a globe. Nowadays, such stunts are witnessed on our city roads, performed by the youth on their two-wheelers. There are many brave-hearts who can zoom through the crowded traffic by zigzagging their way without losing balance while riding. These riders can excel in manoeuvering their way more craftily than a stunt man. Our roads are made to order for such dashing acts. Even our scientists who spent all their life in studying the crates on the moon would be baffled by these craters and humps on our roads. Our two-wheeler riders who successfully beat these obstacles should be crowned with gallantry awards of the highest order. The great road show will not come to an end without its latest invention. Young riders, helped by their pillions, ride their bikes on the back wheel. These drag racers can outmatch many characters from Hollywood sci-fi films or even our own superstar's *Endiran –The Robot.* ***While they are doing their hair-raising acts on the roads, they are raising the heart-beats of the chicken-hearted.*** *— K.S. Someswara in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Ultra-exclusive mattress costs as much as a house

Toronto: Made famous by Canadian rapper Drake, the Grand Vividus mattress by Swedish manufacturer Hästens and artist and designer Ferris Rafauli is a work of art that only the super-rich can afford.

An architectural magazine featured Drake's 50,000 square-foot mansion in Toronto and despite all the cool amenities presented, all anyone could talk about was the rapper's luxurious-looking mattress. As you can probably imagine, this isn't your run of the mill mattress, but a bespoke, hand-made masterpiece fit for an internationally-acclaimed artist worth over $150 million.

So what makes Drake's mattress of choice so expensive? Well, the main element is apparently the amount of horse hair used in the manufacturing process, double that of Hästens' second-most-expensive mattress, the Vividus Classic ($190,000).

Purple Island is South Korea's worthy tourist attraction

Seoul: With the COVID-19 wreaking havoc around the world, international travel isn't what it used to be just a few months ago. But if you are planning your next travel and if you have your sights set on Instagram-worthy destinations, South Korea's new Purple Island is a must-visit as this place is a purple paradise complete with vast fields of lavender, empress trees that bloom purple, purple painted houses, bridges and even purple roads.

Last summer, authorities in Sinan County, announced the unique tourist attraction with plans to plant 40,000 lavender plants, thousands of empress trees, as well as other purple plants, painting residential building purple, as well as roadside attractions and even roads.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

What are the risks of insomnia?

According to the American Heart Association, those who suffer from insomnia face at two fold risk of having a stroke as compared to those with normal sleep habits.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Wimbledon hailed as "Class Act"
for 10 million pound prize money gesture

London, July 13- Wimbledon was hailed as "a class act" on Friday after the tournament agreed to award 10 million pounds in prize money to the 620 players who would have taken part in the tournament had it not been cancelled.

The All England Club said that based on world rankings, 224 players who would have competed in qualifying will each receive 12,500 pounds while the 256 players who would have featured in main draw singles will get 25,000 pounds.

In doubles, it will be 6,250 pounds, for wheelchair events, the sum would be 6,000 pounds per player, with 5,000 pounds for quad wheelchair competitors.

Wimbledon, which should have staged its finals this weekend, was in April cancelled for first time since the Second World War due to the Coronavirus crisis.

"We know these months of uncertainty have been very worrying for the players, many of whom have faced financial difficulty during this period and who would have quite rightly anticipated the opportunity to earn prize money at Wimbledon based on their world ranking," said All England Club Chief Executive Richard Lewis.

"We are pleased that our insurance policy has allowed us to recognise the impact of the cancellation on the players and that we are now in a position to offer this payment as a reward for the hard work they have invested in building their ranking to a point where they would have gained direct entry into The Championships 2020." Organisers will also distribute money to officials and some international umpires.

Meanwhile, the men's singles seedings will revert to the world rankings at next year's Wimbledon, after almost two decades of being based on grass-court form.

Next year's Wimbledon will run from June 28 to July 11.

Really...?

- *The coins thrown into the Trevi fountain in Italy are collected for charity.*
- *French fries are originally from Belgium.*
- *There are 31,557,600 seconds in a year.*

LAUGHTER
THE BEST MEDICINE

Harry went to his doctor on Thursday to review his test results. The doctor told him I have good news and bad news.

"Good news is you have 48 hours to live," he said to Harry. "Bad news is I should have told you on Tuesday."

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.12
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.14
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.45
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.14

VOICE OF THE READER

Dr. N. Kannan is no more, long live Kannan

Sir,

In his column '*Over a Cup of Evening Tea,*' Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem has lovingly paid a fulsome praise in portraying the personality of late Dr. N. Kannan, who left for his heavenly abode on the 31st May 2020.

Ever since I settled down in Mysuru in 1992 after my return to this city, I used to frequently visit Kannan Pathology Lab on Sayyaji Rao Road for my blood test. For people of Mysuru there was no necessity for advertisement about the Pathology Lab, for his popularity spread through word of mouth for the name Kannan and quality was interchangeable.

Dr. Nayeem has traced his modest beginning on Dhanvanthri Road and described Kannan's pioneering spirit and the risks he has taken and now how it has grown into a great institution. His Lab was always teeming with people.

What was unique about his Pathology Lab was, unlike in other pathology labs, Kannan never assigned the drawing of blood to any assistant for he followed it till the end of his working life. Probably, he believed that it was his *dharma* and his son Dr. Lakshman is continuing the tradition.

Kannan was a picture of concentration with gentle smile playing on his face and slightly bending over, he would insert the needle to draw the blood. I certainly miss him. His sons have inherited a great legacy and knowing both of them, I am sure they will ably fill the void. May his soul rest in peace.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
11.7.2020

'Prakarotsava' marks Chamundeshwari Vardhanti atop Hill sans devotees

Mysuru, July 13 (MTY&DM)- 'Sri Chamundeshwari Vardhanti' was held in a simple manner with all customary rituals at Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hill here this morning. The event was held in the absence of devotees, with the District Administration banning entry of devotees and vehicles to the Hill temple as a public health safety measure to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Every year, thousands of devotees from across the State used to throng the temple on this special day during the Ashada month.

Today, the puja began as early as 4 am with the performance of Abhyanjana, Rudrabhisheka, Panchamrutha Abhisheka, Pushparchane and all other associated rituals. After all the rituals were completed at about 7.45 am, the temple was opened at 8 am for 'Prakarotsava.'

Titular head of the erstwhile Mysore Royal family Yaduveer Krishandatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and his wife Trishika Kumari Wadiyar launched the main ritual 'Prakarotsava' during which the specially-decorated presiding deity was taken around in a procession inside the temple premises. After completion of all other rituals associated with 'Vardhanti', the temple was shut at about 9.45 am. Pujas and rituals were performed by a team of priests led by Chief Priest Dr. N. Shashishekar Dikshit.

The customary 'Darbarotsava' of Goddess Chamundeshwari will take place in the temple premises at 7 pm, thus formally ending the Vardhanti celebrations.

The District Administration has banned entry of devotees to the Hill temple tomorrow (July 14) and also on the last Ashada Friday on July 17.

'Water Conservation' award sought for 'Pondman' Kamegowda

Mysuru, July 13 (MK&DM)- Karnataka Praja Party has urged the Government to confer 'Water Conservation Expert' award on 'Pondman' Kamegowda, who recently hit the headlines after Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a reference to him in his monthly *'Mann Ki Baat'* programme on All India Radio (AIR) last month.

In a press release, Party President B. Shivanna said that Kamegowda, who was born in a poor family at Dasanadoddi in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district, has become the modern day 'Bhageeratha' by reviving and re-charging numerous water bodies around his village. Pointing out that despite his old age, the 82-year old Kamegowda is enthusiastically engaged himself in water conservation, he said that his commitment for saving water bodies is a model to the society. As such, the Government must honour him with 'Water Conservation Expert' award and also institute an annual prize in his name to be given to genuine water conservationists, he said.

State to speed up PPE kit production: Minister

Bengaluru, July 13- Revenue Minister R. Ashok, who is also Bengaluru South Zone COVID In-charge, said that the Government with an objective to speed up production of PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) kits, will prioritise setting up of manufacturing units across the State.

R. Ashok

Speaking to presspersons after meeting Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in the State capital yesterday, Ashok said that he has appealed the CM to speed up production of medical PPE kits in the wake of rapid spread of the deadly Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), to which he has agreed to take an appropriate decision.

Pointing out that the guidelines for the week-long lockdown at Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts will be issued on Monday (July 13), he said that the Government will decide on enforcing complete lockdown in 12 other COVID-19 Hotspot Districts of the State after the CM's video-conference meeting with all the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of the State that will take place on Monday.

91 Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams employees test positive for Coronavirus

Tirumala, July 13- At least 91 employees of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) have tested positive for Coronavirus so far, TTD Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal told the media on Sunday.

Singhal said that COVID-19 tests are being carried out on employees at Alipiri as well as Tirumala, where the Venkateshwara shrine is located in Andhra Pradesh. He also said that visitors are also being tested by collecting random samples on a daily basis.

The TTD revealed that a total of 3,569 employees had been tested as of July 10, and as of July 9, 91 of them had tested positive. In the random testing done for visitors, the TTD has shared information for two seven-day windows. From June 18 to 25, TTD claimed that 700 visitors were tested and none of them tested positive. Between July 1 and 7, 1,943 visitors were tested and again, none tested positive..

The temple has received Rs. 16.73 crore in *hundi* collections in the past month, TTD revealed.

Tirumala temple was reopened for visitors from June 11, after remaining shut due to the pandemic for more than two months. The temple, which is one of the most popular Hindu shrines in the world, usually receives around 50,000 to 1 lakh visitors on a daily basis. Due to the pandemic, the number of daily visitors was capped at 6,000 at first, and later increased to a maximum of 12,000.

"Ninety-one employees have tested positive. Most of them are asymptomatic. But as a precautionary measure, we have been testing employees batch-wise from time to time. From these tests, these positive cases were found," he said.

Most of the patients were staff members of the Special Protection Force (SPF), he said. "Some of them had gone to Anantapur or Kurnool and returned. Since many SPF staff are living in close quarters, so many of them are infected and the number has gone up," he said.

Singhal said that the situation was reviewed by TTD officials, including Chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy. "Since the SPF staff are all staying in the same barrack, there's danger of spreading the virus. Similarly, potu workers (kitchen staff) are all staying together. So we are giving them rooms on twin sharing basis, so that even if one of them is infected, the virus doesn't spread," he said.

According to data shared by TTD, more than 50,000 visitors who had booked online tickets for *darshan* between June 11 and July 10 failed to show up. In the one month since reopening, while 2,02,346 people had booked *darshan* tickets online, 1,64,742 people showed up for *darshan* and 55,669 people remained absent.

When it came to offline purchase of *darshan* tickets, 97,216 people booked tickets in the past month and 85,434 turned up at the temple while 11,782 people remained absent.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mummadi Jayanti tomorrow

Maharaja's High School and Pre-University College Alumni Association, JLB Road, Mysuru, has organised Sri Mummadi Krishna Raja Wadiyar Jayanti and Founder's Day celebrations on Tuesday (July 14) at 10.30 am at Sri Krishna Raja Wadiyar Sabha Mantapa, School Quadrangle. B.R. Srihari, formerly of CFTRI and Dr. N. Chandrashekar, Managing Director, Aaditya Hospital, Gokulam, will be the guests of honour. B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs, President, Alumni Association, will preside. Mahesh, Vice-Principal, will be present. Assembly of old students will be at 11 am, according to a press release from M.R. Suresh (Secretary) and Rangaswamy (Jt. Secretary).

KAT to remain closed till July 21

The Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal (KAT) will remain closed from Monday till July 21 in view of the lockdown announced by the State Government in Bengaluru. The cases that have been listed from July 13 to July 21 will be taken up on July 22. No fresh case list will be issued, the notification said.

Ph.D. Awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Social Work to M. Nagesh for his thesis 'Corporate Social Responsibility [A Study of the Implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility Programmes Initiated by Organisations Situated in and Around Mysore]' submitted under the guidance of Dr. TBBSV Ramanaiah.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	104.37 ft
Yesterday	103.85 ft
Inflow	6,008 cusecs
Outflow	3,141 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,270.63 ft
Inflow	2,393 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,851.01 ft
Inflow	968 cusecs
Outflow	300 cusecs

Mysuru City Corporation to develop four parks

Rs. 25 lakh to be utilised for the purpose

Mysuru, July 13 (YDS&KS)- Four parks in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits, which are filled with weeds and not properly maintained, will be developed by the MCC.

Out of Rs. 75 lakh grant given for the development of roads, drains and parks in MCC Ward No. 21, Rs. 25 lakh is being utilised for the development of four parks at Kuduremaala (Manasanagar) and Gangothri HUDCO Layout. While one park will be developed at Kuduremaala, three parks will be developed at Gangothri HUDCO Layout.

The three parks at Gangothri HUDCO Layout were not being maintained and had become useless for public use.

Play equipment such as the slide and swing made from steel at one of the three parks has rusted and the benches, inter-locking tiles broken. These parks would be developed by installing play/ gym equipment and benches besides laying of new pedestrian path.

The park at Kuduremaala too would be developed the same way, said Corporator Vedavathi to *SOM*.

She further said that the 8th Cross Road at Gangothri Layout would be concreted, rest of the roads asphalted and drains would be constructed.

T. Narasipur traders to go in for self-imposed indefinite afternoon lockdown from today

Businesses to be conducted from 6 am to 2 pm, essential services exempted

T. Narasipur, July 13 (SK&KS)- In a bid to arrest the spread of COVID-19, Nagarika Seva Vedike and Taluk Traders Association have decided to go in for an indefinite self-imposed afternoon lockdown from today (July 13).

The decision to go in for the self-imposed lockdown everyday after 2 pm, was taken at a meeting between the Traders Association and Nagarika Seva Vedike at M. Mahadevappa Memorial Bhavan yesterday, which was attended by owners and representatives of bakeries, jewellery stores, grocery stores and other business establishment.

Vedike Hon. President P. Puttaraju, who addressed the meeting, said that the number of COVID positive cases in the taluk was on the rise for which preventive measures has to be stepped up to contain the spread of the deadly virus and urged the traders to be responsible and go in for a self-imposed lockdown.

Vedike General Secretary K.N. Prabhuswamy, who also spoke, said that a memorandum to stop public transport from 2 pm today would be given to the authorities concerned and bus owners and urged for the co-operation of the public.

Meanwhile, owners of chat centres requested two hours time to conduct business during lockdown hours as it was their business time.

But other traders convinced them saying that the lockdown would not be successful, if they are allowed to conduct business. Finally, the chat centre owners agreed for the lockdown.

It was finally decided in the meeting to close all business establishments except essential services from 2 pm to 6 am, starting from today.

Nagarika Seva Vedike President H. Arif, Vice-President D. Ramakrishna, Joint Secretary M. Venkatesh, Convenor Basavaraju and others were present during the meeting.

Youth drowns in lake near Gonikoppal

Gonikoppal (Kodagu), July 13 (KS)- An 18-year-old youth, who was playing on the lake bund, was drowned after he slipped and fell into the lake at Nemmale village near here yesterday.

Achal

The deceased youth is Achal, a student of Lions Vidya Samsthe who had written his second PU exams recently.

On Sunday afternoon, Achal, along with his father Chattangada Viju and brother, was playing on the lake bund when Achal accidentally fell into the lake.

Though his father and brother were at the spot, they were unable to save Achal, who drowned in front of their eyes.

Obituary

Rajashekar Murthy

Mysuru, July 13- Rajashekar Murthy (77), brother of Siddalinga Shivacharya Swamiji of Vatal Mutt, passed away yesterday. Rajashekar Murthy used to take care of agricultural and other works at the Mutt.

He leaves behind his wife Mahadevamma, daughters Komala, Shyamala and Shwetha, son Dayanand and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Srimutt premises, according to sources.

Alhaja Jameelunissa

Alhaja Jameelunissa (65), wife of late Alhaj Yousuf Shariff and a resident of Ayesha Masjid road in Shantinagar, passed away last night in city.

Her husband had passed away on Saturday and the funeral was held yesterday in city.

She leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held this morning followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to sources.

COVID deaths in Mysuru go up to 31; Fresh positive cases 42

Abhiram G. Sankar

Mysuru, July 13 (OSR)- The COVID-19 death toll in Mysuru has gone up to 31 with three more deaths being reported last evening. The district reported 42 positive cases yesterday taking the number of cumulative cases to 815.

According to the daily media bulletin released by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar last evening, there are 356 active cases in Mysuru and of them, 221 cases are being isolated at the designated COVID-19 Hospitals, 35 isolated in private hospitals and 100 patients have been isolated at homes.

Yesterday, 43 patients have been discharged and in all, 428 patients have been discharged so far. 27,821 swab tests have been conducted so far and 26,955 samples have been found negative.15,234 persons have been observed till date and 13,068 have completed 14-day isolation. At present, over 1,848 persons have been isolated at homes for 14 days.

Kodagu cases go up to 169

Meanwhile, the number of Coronavirus-infection cases in Kodagu has gone up to 169 with fresh 18 cases reported last evening. There are 104 active cases in the district and 62 patients have been discharged so far. There have been three deaths in the district.

A District Armed Reserve (DAR) Constable tested positive for the virus yesterday and this is the first case where a Policeman has been infected. The DAR office in Madikeri has been sealed down and sanitised as a precaution.

The Kodagu District Administration has taken a decision to put returnees from other States and districts into seven-day home quarantine. The decision has been taken as it has been observed that the source of majority of cases that have been reported in the district are from outside the district borders.

As per the new guidelines, those returning from abroad have to be kept in 7-day institutional quarantine and another 7 days in home quarantine. Those returning from other States have been asked to be in 14-day home quarantine and a 7-day home quarantine is mandatory for returnees from other districts including Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Those detecting symptoms of the disease have to report to the nearest Primary Health Centre and they will be tested for the virus by Health Officers. All Gram Panchayats have been informed to be alert on the arrival of visitors and returnees.

Meetings have been held with Panchayat, Block, Town Panchayat and Hobli-level leaders and Health Department officials and they have been asked to form local task force to identify and quarantine returnees.

Russia may be first to have COVID-19 vaccine as human trial completes

Moscow, July 13 (UNI)- The clinical trials of the world's first Coronavirus vaccine on volunteers has been successfully completed at Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University, Sputnik news agency reported quoting an official.

The Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University began clinical trials of the vaccine produced by Russia's Gamalei Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology on June 18.

"Sechenov University has successfully completed tests on volunteers of the world's first vaccine against Coronavirus," Vadim Tarasov, the Director of the Institute for Translational Medicine and Biotechnology, said. The first group of volunteers would be discharged on Wednesday and the second on July 20, he added.

According to Alexander Lukashev, the Director of the Institute of Medical Parasitology, Tropical and Vector-Borne Diseases at Sechenov University, the objective of this stage of the study was to show the vaccine's safety for human health, which was successfully done.

"The safety of the vaccine is confirmed. It corresponds to the safety of those vaccines that are currently on the market," Lukashev told Sputnik.

The further vaccine development plan is already being determined by the developer's strategy, including the complexity of the epidemiological situation with the virus and the possibility of scaling up production, Lukashev added.

"Sechenov University in a pandemic situation acted not only as an educational institution but also as a scientific and technological research centre that is able to participate in the creation of such important and complex products as drugs ... We worked with this vaccine, starting with preclinical studies and protocol development, and clinical trials are currently underway," Tarasov noted.

Alleged irregularities in purchase of COVID-19 equipment

Congress leader dares BJP for an open debate

Mysuru, July 13 (MTY&DM)- Alleging massive corruption in the purchase of COVID-19 protection kits and other equipment, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshman has challenged BJP leaders for an open debate on the issue.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here on Saturday, Lakshman claimed that his Congress party has a 300-page document that exposes the State BJP Government's massive corruption in the purchase of COVID-19 protection kits and medical equipment.

Maintaining that the State Government had initially agreed to buy 10 lakh N-95 facemasks for Rs.29.5 crore, Lakshman alleged that the Government later hiked the purchase price to Rs.46 crore, resulting a Rs.16 crore scam.

He further alleged that the Directorate of Medical Education, which had initially proposed to buy medical equipment at a cost of Rs.464.81 crore, later purchased the equipment at a cost of Rs.815.85 crore, which reeks of corruption.

He further alleged that the Government had purchased 500 ml sanitisers at an exorbitant cost of Rs.600 when the actual cost is Rs.78 and Thermal Scanners at a cost of Rs.9,000 each, when the market price is Rs.3,500.

He also alleged a big scam in the purchase of ventilators, which have been purchased from a Delhi-based fictitious company at a cost of Rs.25 lakh each, when the market price is only Rs.8 lakh.

Supporting Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's assertion that the State Government's corruption has been exposed in the pendrive that is reportedly in custody of BJP MLA Murugesh Nirani, Lakshman said that the Congress will soon bring out a handbook on the corrupt deals of the BJP Government and distribute the same to every household.

KPCC Spokesperson and former Chairperson of Karnataka State Women's Commission Manjula Manasa urged the Union Government to come out with details regarding the donations received under PM CARES Fund.

She also demanded a probe into the funds received by organisations such as Vivekananda Foundation, India Foundation and Overseas Friends of BJP.

City Congress President R. Murthy, leaders Hedathale Manjunath, M. Shivanna, Mahesh, Eshwar Chakkadi and others were present at the press meet.

With no functions, shamiana traders hit

Mysuru, July 13 (YDS&SD)- Hundreds of pandals and shamiana providers in city are staring at heavy losses following pandemic and lockdown period.

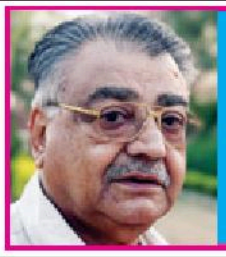
Most of these traders provide shamiana, which is an Indian ceremonial tent or shelter for rent to their customers. They also provide cooking vessels, utensils, stove and all other necessary materials to carry out any functions and gatherings including weddings. The unexpected turn of events resulting from this pandemic and lockdown period has left the pandal owners struggling to run their businesses.

In addition, increasing number of infected cases in the region has created a sense of fear and as a result, the usual festivities have been cancelled, postponed or conducted in a very simple manner.

Lakshminarayana, owner of MVSB Tenthouse located on New Kantaraja Urs Road in Jayanagar, said: "We are totally dependent on this trade, but this pandemic has devastated our business. There is no income from the last three months. We are struggling to pay wages for our employees. There is no hope that our business would pick up in the near future. Even the State Government has banned all festivals and fairs in the region including large scale public gatherings such as marriages."

"Before lockdown, we used to earn at least Rs 40,000 a month. After deducting cost of wages, rent and other expenses, we used to get Rs. 15,000 as income. Lockdown was imposed in the month of March and there was zero business for three months. After relaxation of lockdown, we thought our business would improve, but administration banned public gatherings such as marriages. Hence, we are now getting only customers for very small functions. In the month of June, in total, I could only earn Rs. 10,000. I have to pay Rs. 6,000 as rent for my shop and Rs. 5,000 for my house. Since July 1, as of now, I have earned just Rs. 2,000," he said.

"If the same situation continues for the next one or two months, it would be very difficult for us to run our families. Now a days, there is no demand for either pandals or utensils," he said.



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By K.B. Ganapathy

Learning Life's Lessons from Fali S. Nariman: India's Advocate Extraordinaire ! – 2

[Continued from yesterday]

Fali Nariman talks about his experience in the Bombay High Court and makes a sort of confession that a large majority of litigants (like me), lawyers and even Judges, cannot disagree with. Here it is:

"Over the past 59 years at the Bar, I have come to realise that justice is elusive, sometimes unpredictable, and often unsatisfying."

As if to explain why he holds the kind of opinion about justice, quoted here above, Nariman gives the case of a Parsi doctor convicted and sentenced to death in England and another of a defamation case in the Bombay High Court.

Here is Nariman's last words on defamation cases:

"Defamation cases in India are a luxury and a dangerous luxury at that, that they are too often filed in a hurry, and repented only at leisure. And then it is too late. I dissuade clients from filing such actions — civil or criminal." This, with the example of a case filed against a Gujarati weekly *'Kaiser-i-Hind.'*

He writes about the meagre fee paid to the juniors if they argued the case and recalls the words of his grandmother, 'Out of misery, you will learn.' Unable to manage without minimum earning, his friend, also in the Chambers of Kanga, left the profession and joined Glaxo, becoming in course of time its MD in India. As for Nariman, the lucky, he made it good in the profession rising to the highest position, making a name in India and in the international legal bodies.

He recalls that in his time Junior Advocates were fortunate to have Judges who were considerate and kind to Juniors. This helped the Juniors earn a small fee (for appearing with the Seniors. He showers great admiration on Chief Justice M.C. Chagla saying that Chagla had "such a combination of knowledge and graciousness," qualities that Nariman later found in another Chief Justice of India, Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah, describing him as "another great Judge and a great human being."

Bapsi and Fali Nariman at a function.

Nariman mentions of another important turning point in his life. I guess it is so with everyone who gets married! He got married in October 1955 to Bapsi Contractor. It is interesting to know that her paternal grandfather Khan Sahib Sorabji Contractor constructed Jamsetji Tata's Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay (in 1903) and also the iconic 'Gateway of India' next to it on the seashore. No wonder this marriage was 'an important' turning point in Fali Nariman's life.

Chapter 5 of the book titled, *"Lessons in the School of Hard Knock"* is full of advice, or call it tips to lawyers, gleaned from his personal experience and experience of others who practiced in different Law Courts. Nariman lists them and at the final count it is 28. Some examples.

First one. Let your opinion about 'Whether your client has a case that would stand up in Court' be honest and responsible. Acquaint oneself with the relevant laws, including case laws. While arguing be precise, not confused. Be well-prepared with scholarship on the case on law.

Nariman gives a classic and unbelievable example of an episode in the Court between the great Advocate **Viswanatha Sastri** (his portrait hangs in the Advocate's Lounge in the Supreme Court) and **Justice R.S. Bachawat,** a great Judge.

While Sastri was arguing in his inimitable 'soft-but-sure' manner, Justice Bachawat reminded Viswanatha Sastri that the proposition he was affirming in his argument was directly contrary to what the Privy Council had said in another case. **There was silence in the Court.** What would be the response of Viswanatha Sastri? After all, except Justice Bachawat no one (including other two brother Judges sitting with him) would know this decision of the Privy Council, thought everybody.

But here is the reply from Viswanatha Sastri:

"Yes, My Lord, and that is the only decision of the Privy Council that has been adversely commented on in "Halsbury's Laws of England" in volume [such-and-such.]"

This was too much for Justice P.B. Gajendragadkar, a scholar Judge sitting in the Bench who suspended the proceedings and ordered that the books be brought to the Court. Sure enough there was the judgement of the Privy Council as Justice Bachawat had recollected and equally surely there was that passage in "Halsbury's Laws of England" which commented adversely on the opinion of the Privy Council!

"This is how well-prepared lawyers and Judges should be," concludes Nariman.

Another interesting advice relates to a news item I had read in *'The Indian Express'* in the 60s. The advice, "Never be too cocksure of winning cases."

Nariman had argued a case before Chief Justice H.K. Chainani and thought he would win the case. About a week later, Chief Justice Chainani, while crossing the road during an evening walk on Marine Drive (my usual haunt while in Bombay), was knocked down unconscious by a passing motor car and later died. The appeal had been placed for hearing once again before another Bench. This Judge told Nariman that the notes on the file of Chief Justice Chainani indicated that the judgement would be in Nariman's favour. "But it was not to be. I had counted my chicken before they were hatched!" bemoans Fali Nariman.

Another good advice Nariman mentions in the book is, "Leave your anger outside the Courtroom." As Lord Eldon discovered 30 years later, that he was very angry and very wrong. Yet another advice was, "Don't quarrel with your opponents because ..... the major part of your life will be spent with your colleagues at the Bar. And there is another gem of advice — that to lose your temper at a Judge is losing half the battle in Court!"

The last 28th advice I must mention here so that I too can share with my readers my own experience similar to the one mentioned in the book. The advice is, "When you are old and infirm, you must stop practicing!"

Nariman says that good sight and good hearing are essential attributes for a good lawyer and illustrates it with an example you would love. The doyen of Bombay Bar one John Duncan Inverarity (1870-1923) was hard of hearing. So he was given a place near the Judge. The captain of the ship (involved in the case) was giving oral evidence and said, "...and the ship was slowly sinking..." John Duncan Inverarity, despite being close to the Judge and the witness, misheard the statement, immediately stood up and in a loud voice demanded to know 'who was drinking?'

On being told what the captain had said, John "Sheepishly resumed his seat."

Now what was told to me. It was the birthday of my friend who had survived an open heart surgery. His nephew had married a Chinese girl who was baking cakes as a hobby. So she was asked to make a hat-shaped birthday cake for my heart-patient friend's party. The party began with family members charged with sentiments. The birthday cake was brought and kept on the table with its cardboard cover ready to be lifted and surprise the guests.

Lo and behold ! When the carton was lifted there came a **red heart-shaped cake!** There was stunned silence for a while. How to cut the heart?

The poor Chinese lady, while taking the order, misheard her husband as saying 'heart' instead of 'hat.'

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SSLC evaluation begins in city amid COVID-19 regulations

Mysuru, July 13 (PM&DM)- The evaluation of answer scripts of the SSLC exam (2019-20), which was held in the State from June 25 to July 4, began at six centres across the city this morning amid COVID-19 regulations and tight Police security.

The six centres are: Jnanaganga High School in Kuvempunagar, Chinmaya High School in Jayalakshmipuram, Sadvidya High School on N.S. Road, Vijaya Vittala High School in Saraswathipuram, Nirmala Convent in V.V.Mohalla and St. Philomena High School in N.R. Mohalla.

The evaluation will take place from 10 am to 5 pm on all days and is likely to conclude within a week.

Every centre will have 300 to 350 evaluators, with COVID-19 measures such as thermal screening, use of hand sanitisers, maintenance of physical distancing and wearing of face masks in place. Each hall in a centre will have a maximum of 14 evaluators. A total of about 2,000 teachers are taking part in evaluation work at the six city centres.

Ahead of the evaluation, the MCC authorities sanitised and disinfected all the centres on Sunday.

As a Law and Order measure, the City Police have clamped ban orders in 200 mts radius of all the centres from 6 am to 6 pm on all days of evaluation. Accordingly, other than the evaluators and other authorised staff, no unauthorised person was allowed entry to the centres, with the Police deployed at all vantage points in and around the centres.

However, the evaluation work, which began at all the District Headquarters in the State from today, was deferred in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts, on account of the week-long total lockdown in the two districts, starting from tomorrow.

Anganwadi workers, Block Congress SC Wing stage protests in city

ASHA workers submit memorandum to heads of all MCC Zones, Gram Panchayats

Anganwadi workers staging protest near DC's office this morning.

Mysuru, July 13 (RKB,MTY& KS)- Urging the Government to fulfil their various demands and condemning the act of miscreants, who had vandalised the house of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Mumbai, Anganwadi workers and Azeez Sait Block Congress SC Committee staged separate protests in city, while ASHA workers submitted memorandums to the heads of all MCC Zones and Gram Panchayats this morning.

In the first protest, Anganwadi Workers, under the banner of Karnataka State Anganwadi Workers Association - CITU from Kadakola Circle, K. Saundi Circle and Doora Circle, as part of their Statewide agitation, staged a protest near the office of the Deputy Commissioner this morning.

The protestors said that they have been working tirelessly since the lockdown period by distributing groceries to the beneficiaries besides creating awareness in rural places during which a few workers were assaulted and alleged that despite them working in COVID-affected places, they were not given safety equipment like face masks, hand gloves and sanitisers, which had resulted in two workers contracting the deadly virus.

The protestors demanded that protective kits be given to them to make their work more effective, to give them honorarium as they are still distributing food kits at them permanent employees and also provide them insurance for Rs. 50 lakh as they too were 'Corona Warriors.'

The agitators also demanded Rs. 5 lakh be given to Anganwadi workers who had contracted COVID and provide insurance to their family members.

Association President Sunanda, Latha, Kempamani and others were present.

Congress SC Committee: In the second protest near Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Statue Circle (FTS Circle) at Gandhinagar, the members of Azeez Sait Block Congress SC Committee condemned the damage to the house of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Mumbai and demanded the arrest of the miscreants. City Congress SC Wing President Sunanda Kumar, Azeez Sait Block Congress SC Committee President S. Rajesh, former Corporator Udaykumar and others were present.

ASHA Workers: ASHA workers, who have been staging protests since a few days seeking fulfilment of their various demands, which chiefly included monthly wages of Rs.12,000, as they are at the frontline in the battle against the pandemic, submitted memorandums to the heads of all Gram Panchayats and to all MCC Zones in city.

Though several representations were made to the Health Department and the Government seeking scrapping of the monthly honorarium system and introduce a monthly wage system wherein every ASHA worker will get minimum wages of Rs. 12,000, their appeals had fallen on deaf ears.

As such, the ASHA workers were forced to stage a State-wide stir seeking fulfilment of their demands which also included distribution of PPE kits and other protective gears such as face shield, face masks, hand gloves and sanitizers, regular testing for COVID-19 symptoms and free treatment to those found COVID-19 positive.

They have warned of intensifying their agitation if their demands were not met soon.

Travancore Royal Family wins

Padmanabha Swamy Temple case in SC

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"We are bound to go by the verdict. We have always followed the Apex Court order in letter and spirit," said State Devaswom Minister Kadakampally Surendran. The Temple shot into limelight after the Top Court in May 2011 ordered a detailed inventory of the articles in the temple vaults which had long rumoured to be holding immense riches.

When five of its six vaults, known as 'Kallara' in Malayalam, were opened in line with the Court order, vast treasure of gold and other priceless objects were discovered. It was estimated that the intrinsic value of the treasure amounted to more than Rs. 90,000 crore. One of the vaults, 'Kallara B' could not be opened and the opening of the same was later kept in abeyance by the Apex Court.

In August 2012, senior advocate Gopal Subramaniam was appointed Amicus Curiae (friend of the Court) by the Supreme Court. Subramaniam submitted a voluminous report before the Court in April 2014 alleging serious mismanagement of the Temple by the Trust and indicting the royal family on various counts.

The Temple was under the control of a Trust headed by the ex-royals' family until April 2014 when the Top Court by way of a crucial interim order handed over its management to a four-member Administrative Committee headed by a District Judge.

The legal genesis of the dispute lies in the agreement of accession (agreement) signed between the Kings of Travancore with the Government of India in 1949 by which the Princely State of Travancore became a part of the Indian Union.

Article VII of the agreement provided that administration of the Padmanabha Swamy Temple shall be conducted, subject to the control and supervision of the ruler of Travancore, by an Executive Officer appointed by the ruler.

Bus Stand Shops temporarily shut

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Now the tenants are saying that they cannot even pay 20 percent of the rent as there were no customers even after two months of opening business.

"There are hardly 10 to 15 customers per three days and whoever comes, buys only mineral water bottles. All the other eatables go stale every day and we are not in a position to pay even 20 percent of rent. Forget rent, we are not able to support our families too," said Ramesh, who operates a bakery in the Sub-Urban Bus Stand.

Hotels and tea stalls operating from the bus stands too have faced losses.

Though there is 100 percent operation of buses except Sunday, customers do not stop at these outlets unlike before as they prefer to go homes to eat and drink.

"Today, the State KSRTC Bus Stand Shop Owners' Association is meeting Transport Minister urging him to waive off rents till the pandemic is over and normal life is restored. We will take a call after the outcome of the meeting is known," said a representative from the Mysuru KSRTC Bus Stand Shop Owners' Association.

No total lockdown in city

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"The decision, areas to be locked down, duration of lockdown and other guidelines will be conveyed to the media after the meeting," Abhiram G. Sankar said.

Use Rapid Antigen Kits: CM

During the meeting, the DCs were told to make use of Rapid Antigen Kits to test patients if they are COVID positive or negative. Over one lakh kits have been procured and will be supplied to all districts depending on the severity of the cases, the CM said. Mysuru will get 2,200 kits.

The Chief Minister told the DCs that nowhere he (CM) has mentioned that there will be a total lockdown. "The Deputy Commissioners have the authority to decide locally depending on the situation. Also, steps must be taken to prevent patients from dying and community spread. If there is a need for a lockdown, the DCs must enforce it strictly giving no room for violation," the CM told the DCs.

Hospitals cannot deny treatment

More and more testing must be undertaken in the containment zones and the Rapid Antigen Kits will help in getting quick results, the CM noted.

"If there is a shortage of doctors and health workers, a six-month temporary appointments can be made. Private hospitals cannot deny treatment to non-COVID patients and the DCs must ensure that such hospitals are listed out so that their licences can be cancelled. Just because a patient does not have a COVID-negative certificate, treatment cannot be denied," the CM directed.

SKYWATCH

Close encounter of Jupiter and Saturn with Earth

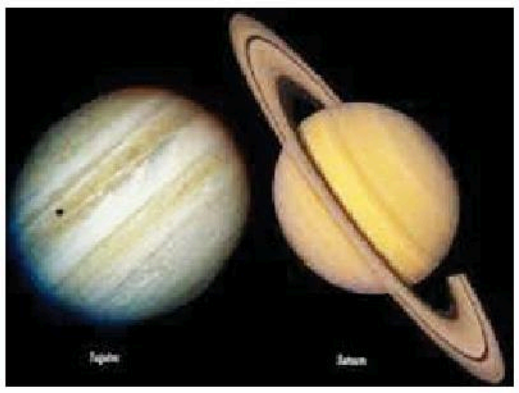
This year, people are in a state of utter pandemonium due to ongoing COVID crisis since March. But Astronomy enthusiasts have been active, inquisitive and creative since March. July is the month of many fascinating sky events. Already, comets SWAN and NEOWISE have rejuvenated the minds and reverberated the hearts of millions of people. Yet another good news for astronomy connoisseurs and amateur astronomers! **The gas giants, Jupiter and Saturn will have close encounter with Earth on July 14 and July 20 respectively.** This will be the best time to see to these planets effortlessly. This astronomical occurrence is called 'Opposition'.

'Opposition' is the astronomical occurrence when a planet farther from the Sun than Earth appears opposite the Sun in the sky. Rightfully, this is the best time to observe a planet. A planet is at opposition when it is directly opposite the Sun from our viewpoint on Earth. This implies, Sun-Earth-planet is in a straight line. This is when the planet is about as close as it can get to Earth, so it is biggest and brightest. Conveniently, the planet rises when the Sun sets and is up all night, setting when the Sun rises. An object is at opposition when the Sun is on one side of the Earth and the object is directly on the opposite side. The result is that the object is fully illuminated by the Sun and appears disk-like. Whenever there is a Full Moon, the Moon is on one side of the Earth and the Sun is on the opposite side.

'Jupiter' is the most resplendent bluish-yellow planet in the solar system and is regarded as the biggest planet. In 2019, Jupiter prolonged to dominate the night sky during June, July and August. Jupiter, the monster planet, reached 'Opposition' on June 10, 2019. Justifiably, this was the best time to observe a planet. Jupiter, the fifth planet from the Sun, will be at a close opposition, providing an excellent opportunity to observe this planet. On July 14, 2020, Jupiter will be nearest to Earth and could be the brightest celestial object on that day. During planetary opposition, the planet is up entire night and generally closest for the year. 'Opposition' is the astronomical occurrence when a planet farther from the Sun than Earth appears opposite the Sun in the sky. Generally, planet Earth flies between the Sun and the gas giant Jupiter.

Jupiter is the 2nd brightest planet after Venus. A few weeks before and after the opposition on July 2020, Jupiter will be very bright, reaching a visual magnitude of about -2.5 to - 2.6. This will be an excellent opportunity to observe Jupiter, its Great Red Spot and Jupiter's four largest satellites namely Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. These celebrated satellites of Jupiter can be seen in a binocular also. A telescope with a magnification of 40 times or above is preferred in observing Jupiter. The apparent magnitude or brightness factor of Jupiter during July and August is – 2.6. Note that, the negative sign convention indicates that, the brightness will be maximum and for the positive sign convention, the brightness will be minimum. For example, magnitude of Full Moon will be about – 12 and it depicts exceedingly good resplendence.

In July, Jupiter comes closer to our beloved mother planet Earth for the entire year, and Jupiter, in turn, blazes most brightly in our sky, outshining the night's brightest stars by leaps and bounds. On July 14, Earth in its orbit swings between the Sun and Jupiter, an event that's referred to as 'Opposition of Jupiter.' At this time,



Jupiter stands opposite the Sun in our sky, so it rises in the east at Sunset and sets in the west at Sunrise. Jupiter not only beams at its brilliant best for the year, but stays out all night long!

From Mysuru, Jupiter will be perceptible between 19:00 to 06:00 or evening 7:00 pm to morning 6:00 am. It reaches the highest point or pinnacle in the sky at around midnight local time. Jupiter can be seen in the vicinity of the constellations 'Capricornus' and 'Sagittarius.' Generally, Jupiter reaches opposition about every 13 months and the distance between Jupiter and Earth on July 14 shall be 641 million kilometres.

At around 11.30 pm, Jupiter will reach the highest point in July and this planet stands 20 degrees before the end of twilight. The most interesting aspect during the observation of Jupiter is 'Great Red Spot.' This iconic spot has been shrinking over the past several decades and currently spans about 1.3 Earths, but is remains colourful and easy to see at 100x magnification and higher in good seeing. The Great Red Spot maintains its orange-red hue in recent years, a colour shared by the sulphur-encrusted, volcanic satellite of Jupiter Io, the only of the bright satellite of Jupiter to show a distinctive colour.

Analogously, on July 20, Saturn will have rendezvous with Earth and shall be the right time to witness this gorgeous ringed planet. 'Saturn' is the sixth planet from the Sun and the outermost planet perfectly noticeable with the unaided eye. The imperative physical distinctiveness like magnitude, composition, internal configuration, and atmosphere advocate an overall similitude to Saturn. Saturn's rings are well-known and were explored in great detail by the Voyager and Cassini missions. Saturn's rings has unmitigated, disc-like, effortlessly conspicuous with even a small telescope, which envelops Saturn. **Saturn reaches "opposition" on July 20, 2020** and so it has its best visibility this month. On that day, the planet will be closer to earth. Throughout the night Saturn is discernible and more resplendent.

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Saturn in 2020 rises earlier and continues to creep higher above the southeastern horizon earlier each night. Saturn was visible in the southeast by 7 pm in early July.

Do not forget to see to Jupiter and Saturn this month. With the help of telescope and astral binoculars, none can rival the glory of these planets.

—Rtn. PHF Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna
Amateur Astronomer

Mrs. Anitha Cariappa, former CEO of Ponnampet Co-op. Society, wins the case against her dismissal

Gonikoppal/ Hunsur, July 13- A Court in Hunsur has ruled that the former CEO of the Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society, Ponnampet, Mrs. Addanda Anitha Cariappa, who was dismissed from service, be reinstated with benefits.

The then Administrative Board of Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society, Ponnampet, under the Presidentship of Addanda Janardhana, had on 17.10.2014, dismissed the then CEO of the Society, Mrs. Anitha, on certain allegations.

Mrs. Anitha Cariappa had joined the Society 10 years back as a clerk and was promoted as CEO considering her service. But the Administrative Board, observing that Mrs. Anitha's appointment was illegal and was not as per the rules, arbitrarily removed her from service.

An aggrieved Mrs. Anitha then questioned the Administrative Board's decision under Co-operative Societies Act 1959 in the Court of Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies at Madikeri. However, the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mysuru, transferred the case to Hunsur Sub-Division Court.

Mrs. Anitha Cariappa

The Court delivered its judgement on 16.6.2020 upholding Mrs. Anitha Cariappa's prayer and declared the Administrative Board's decision dismissing Mrs. Anitha from service as null and void. The Court set aside the Board's decision and directed the Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society, Ponnampet, to pay Mrs. Anitha's past salary, allowances and other benefits that had been withheld till now.

Advocates Sajan Kumar Nayak and Jnanesh had appeared for Mrs. Anitha in the case.

World Paper Bag Day celebrated

Mysuru, July 13 (RKB&DM)- Marking 'World Paper Bag Day,' the members of Parisara Snehi, a green group of the city, distributed paper bags to members of the public at Jalapuri Police Quarters here yesterday. They also motivated the public to shun plastic bags and use paper bags which are eco-friendly.

Francis Wolle

N.R. BJP youth leaders D. Lohith, Jayanth, Kishore, Anand and others were present.

Paper bags are an environment friendly alternative to harmful plastic bags and Paper Bag Day is celebrated worldwide on July 12. The day aims to spread awareness about using paper bags instead of plastic to help reduce plastic waste.

American Inventor Francis Wolle has been credited for his patent of the first paper bag machine in 1852. The 'Mother of the Grocery Bag' - Margaret E.Knight in 1870 designed the square, flat bottomed bag and the machine that would fold and paste them.

Paper bags are reusable and as well as recyclable. Not only are they bio-degradable, they can withstand a lot of pressure and also easy to handle. It takes less energy to manufacture them as compared to plastic bags. Paper bags are also safer for pets and other animals.

Paper bags are almost 100 percent recyclable and can decompose within just a month. They can be reused at home and can even be used to make compost.

Road Humps and Potholes

A Nightmare for Motorists

Mysuru, July 13 (SPN&SD)- Unscientific humps, especially those on poor lit roads, cause fatal accidents. Two-wheeler riders are most prone to such fatality. Many two-wheeler accidents, injuries and deaths in city are caused by badly built road humps. Added to this, the rainy season has created a number of craters and gaping holes in these poor quality roads.

Road hump opposite Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya: "If vehicle riders have to travel on the road opposite Vikram Jeev Hospital, they have to ride on the right side of the road. There is a huge road hump opposite Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya and road repair work is going on at the same site because of which a huge pothole has been created. MCC has to fill this crate immediately. Otherwise, riders travelling on this downward sloping road while taking turn to the right side might fall and get injured with fatal consequences," says Venkatesh, a two-wheeler rider who commutes on this road more frequently.

Kamsale Mahadevaiah Circle: Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, auto driver Ravichandra said, "It has been four or five months since completion of UGD pipe laying work at Kamsale Mahadevaiah Circle located near Elethota. Even after its completion, they have not asphalted this road and hence, vehicle riders are finding it difficult to travel on this road."

"All the roads surrounding this Circle including Ramanuja Road, Basaveshwara Road and the road leading to Sewage Farm have a number of potholes which is causing a lot of inconvenience for motor cyclists and pedestrians. Over the last two to three months, 10 to 15 accidents have happened because of this reason," he said.

JLB Road: "There are nearly 15 large potholes on Jhansi Rani Lakshmi Bai (JLB) Road. One on the road connecting Agrahara to Manandavadi Road and another one next the road hump opposite Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has caused a lot of trouble for riders and many accidents have happened because of this," said roadside vendor Rukmini.

Manjunath, an employee working in a private company, also added, "due to heavy rains, sand and mud has collected on the road at Vedanta Hemmige Circle near the crossing towards Agrahara and as a result, vehicle riders, especially two-wheelers have slipped and fallen. I would request authorities to clear this place of sand and mud."

Vidyavardhaka College: Manjunath said, "Also, there are 7 to 10 large potholes and 10 to 15 smaller ones on the road connecting Vidyavardhaka College to Marimallappa's College. Again, from private bus stand to Cheluvamba Hospital, there are nearly 7 to 8 potholes on the road causing a lot of trouble for vehicle users."

Marimallappa's College: "UGD cable and KEB wire laying work has been going on near Gurikar Mallappa Circle located opposite Jaganmohana Palace because of which a number of potholes have been created. I would request authorities to fill these potholes at the earliest," said Prema Agencies shop owner Prakash.

Near Akashavani Circle in Yadavagiri.

Near Chamaraja Railway Station, K.G. Koppal.

Near Railway Museum.

Near Oval Grounds, close to DC's office.

"Because of KEB repair work, both sides of Lakshmi Vilas Road has been damaged. MLA L. Nagendra has informed us that Rs. 25 lakh has been sanctioned to repair this road. We request authorities to take up this road repair work at the earlier possible," he added.

Opposite Mysore Race Club: Few vehicle riders also complained that UGD pipe laying work undergoing at the Circle opposite Mysore Race Club gate-2 on the road connecting Mysuru to Nanjangud has caused a number of potholes and damage to the road and requested MCC to repair this road stretch at the earliest.

High Tension Line Double Road: Senior citizens Krishnappa and Lingegowda said, "The road starting from Sharadadevinagar to Balamuri Vinayaka Temple in Srirampura 2nd Stage, towards old Manandavadi Road, is completely damaged. There are nearly 10 to 15 potholes from Sharadadevinagar Circle to Tibbadevi Circle, popularly known as Freedom Fighter Sitarama Iyengar Road and again on Citizens Circle in Kuvempunagar and Double Road connecting Vivekananda Circle."

Widen these roads: "Half a kilometre stretch from Balamuri Vinayaka Temple in Srirampura 2nd Stage to old Manandavadi Road is not wide enough for travelling safely. Every day, thousands of two-wheeler riders, ambulances and school vehicles travel on this road to reach Vivekanandanagar, Kuvempunagar Bus Depot, Arvindanagar and J.P. Nagar.

Traffic jam on this road is causing a lot of trouble and is taking nearly half-an-hour to clear up. We would request authorities to pay attention and widen this road as early as possible," said goods vehicle driver Yogish and auto driver Shankar.

WORD OF THE DAY

Bellwether

Pronunciation: BEL-WEH-ther.
Meaning: One that takes the lead or initiative : leader; also : an indicator of trends.
Origin: We usually think of sheep more as followers than leaders, but in a flock one sheep must lead the way. Long ago, it was common practice for shepherds to hang a bell around the neck of one sheep in their flock, thereby designating it the lead sheep. This animal was called the bellwether, a word formed by a combination of the Middle English words belle (meaning "bell") and wether (a noun that refers to a male sheep that has been castrated). It eventually followed that bellwether would come to refer to someone who takes initiative or who actively establishes a trend that is taken up by others. This usage first appeared in English in the 15th century.
Example: "The tech giant has long been a bellwether for global industry, and investors will now hope that is still the case. Apple said on Thursday that its revenue rose nearly 1 percent to $58.3 billion in the first three months of the year...." — Jack Nicas

THE ODD WORD

Baccate

Having berries; berry-like.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Baby blues

Meaning: Feelings of depression or anxiety, experienced by some mothers following childbirth.
Origin: Had anyone mentioned 'baby blues' prior to WW-II they would have been thought to have been talking about colour - specifically the colour of someone's eyes. Most babies are born with blue eyes due to a lack of the melanin pigment until sometime after birth. The use of the term 'baby blues' to mean eyes is a natural development, which came about in the USA in the early 20th century; for example, this from the American author Rex Ellingwood Beach's novel Winds of Chance, 1918:
"Fix your baby blues on the little ball and watch me close."
In the 1940s 'baby blues' began to be used with the meaning we now usually give it, that is, post-natal depression. The baby bluesIn his best-selling baby care book Expectant Motherhood, 1940, Nicholson J. Eastman wrote: "Most common among such reactions, perhaps, is what is colloquially called the 'Baby Blues'."
Interestingly, in a later 1960s edition of the book Eastman suggested that expectant mothers should limit themselves to no more than ten cigarettes per day. How times change.

QUOTE BOX

This is a place where grandmothers hold babies on their laps under the stars and whisper in their ears that the lights in the sky are holes in the floor of heaven. **—Rick Bragg**

RIDDLE THIS

What goes up but never comes down?

Answer :Your age.

SUDOKU

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	3	1	7			8		6
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Answer to previous puzzle

3	6	5	7	2	9	1	4	8
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5	1	3	2	7	4	8	6	9
7	5	6	3	9	2	4	8	1
1	3	2	8	4	7	9	5	6
8	4	9	5	6	1	2	3	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ into : corroded?
4 Year in St. Gregory I's papacy
7 Shriver of tennis
10 Country pleasure ground?
12 Bother
13 Tell __ ___ : fib? (1,3)
15 1024 gigabytes
17 Lapses against moral law
18 Narrow inlet, creek
19 City in Japan
20 Having a hemispherical roof?
23 Playback singer ___ Nigam
25 The terrible Tsar?
26 St - on Riviera
29 Belgian inventor of musical instruments
30 Cut of his ___ : his personal appearance?
31 Symbolically "Sn" for the chemist
33 Mr Messi of Barcelona FC and Argentina
36 Need or desire
37 Farmyard bird
38 Obstacle or snag
39 Irritate or irk
42 Carried out
43 Red Indian - "I hop" anagram?
44 They were sent to preach the gospel
49 Heroic story
50 Scoundrel
51 Eats like a pig ?
52 Equal opportunity employer abbr
53 Old Tokyo
54 Cut down grass

DOWN

1 Appropriate
2 Edison monogram
3 To be wrong
4 Ms Mirza of Bollywood
5 Cathode Ray Tube, abbr.
6 Dwight
7 Decline (4,2)
8 Among other things, inter ___
9 Kind of fur
11 Girl's name - "near K" anagram?
14 Eur. Space Agcy
16 It's made by a bridge player?
19 Lennon's widow Yoko ____
20 Prefix involving reversal of action or state
21 Famous cricket ground
22 Not a mini?
23 Motionless
24 Any object with a spherical shape
27 Coup d'- ___ : change of Govt.
28 Heavy metal
30 A person of Hebrew descent
32 Degree of sorts
34 A room or place for the transaction of business
35 Notice of exception, abbr.
36 Length or breadth, should we say?
38 Belonging to him
39 The rebel Guevara's Christian name
40 If it were not for this the heart would break?
41 Peruvian carrot
42 Extinct bird
44 Expert or adept
45 A shin-guard
46 Sellers's Pink Panther sidekick Herbert ___
47 Self-esteem
48 U-turn from NNE

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

■	G	R	E	■	G	B	S	■	D	S	M	■
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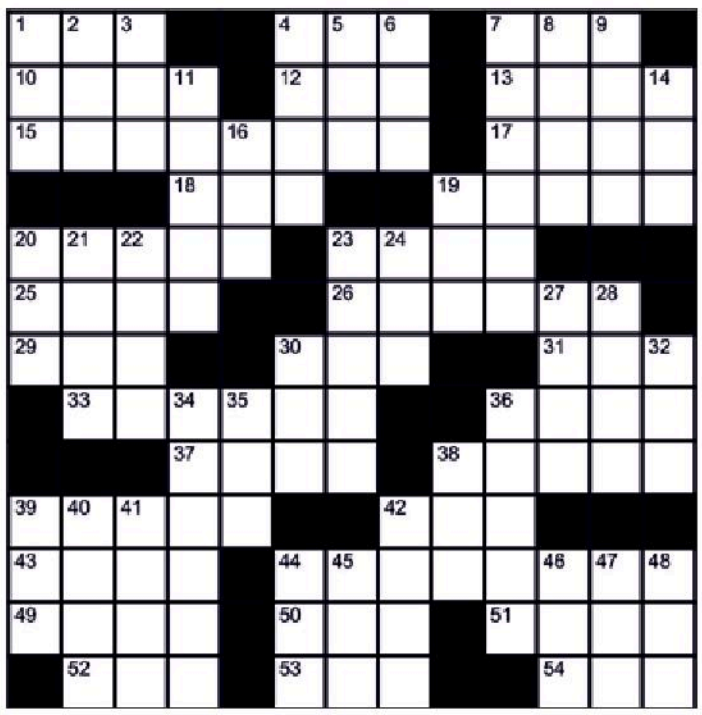

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YAV IVVCM VEGMZPW, PSWNQM YAV

IVVCM ZLMZPW, NYNCWM.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The essence of knowledge is having it to apply it, not having it to confess your ignorance.

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Plea to clear clogged drains at Ramakrishnanagar

Overgrown bushes and plants and also garbage dumped inside the drains at Ramakrishnanagar are hindering the smooth flow of sewage water inside the drain which remains stagnant at a few places emanating foul smell. Residents said that the stagnant water has become a place for the mosquitoes to breed. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the drains cleaned at the earliest as monsoon has begun.

Debris around manhole needs to be cleared at Vijayanagar

A manhole has been constructed in the middle of the 11th Main Road in Vijayanagar 1st Stage and construction debris like stones, bricks etc. were placed around it to warn motorists. Though it has been several days since the manhole was constructed, the stones and bricks around it are not removed which is hampering the movement of vehicles and also posing danger to everyone during nights. Authorities concerned are urged to get the debris cleared and make way for the smooth flow of traffic.

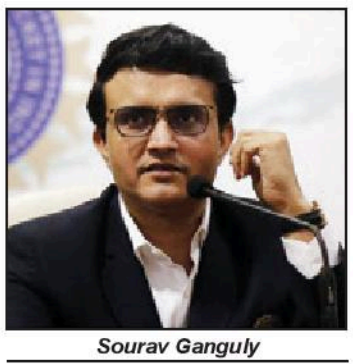
Sourav Ganguly confirms India's tour of Australia

Seeks shortened quarantine

New Delhi, July 13- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President Sourav Ganguly Saturday said that the national team will tour Australia in December but called for a shortened quarantine period for the players.

Australia has checked the spread of the Coronavirus except in Melbourne, its second-biggest city, which has witnessed a recent surge in cases.

"Ya, ya, we have confirmed that tour. In December we will be coming. We just hope the number of quarantine days get reduced a bit," Ganguly told a section of the Press. "Because we don't want the players to go all that far and sit in hotel rooms for two weeks. It is very, very depressing



Sourav Ganguly

and disappointing. And, as I said Australia and New Zealand have been in good position except Melbourne. So from that point of view we will be going there and hopefully the quarantine days will be less and we can get back to cricket," he added.

By Friday, Australia, a nation of 25 million, had recorded just more than 9,000 COVID-19 cases, 106 of them fatal.

The West Indies squad spent 14 days in quarantine after landing in England on June 9 for the three-Test tour that began on July 8, marking the return of international cricket.

Virat Kohli's India are scheduled to tour Australia for four Test matches in December-January. India won a four-Test series in Australia 2-1 in 2018-19.

India's Test series victory two years ago was their first in Australia after 71 years of trying. But Australia were without top batsmen David Warner and Steve Smith, who both missed the series due to their ball-tampering bans.

Former Karnataka Skipper

Vinay's Puducherry stint ends

Puducherry, July 13- Former Karnataka skipper R. Vinay Kumar ended his stint with Puducherry following an impressive show with the Plate-group team in the 2019-20 domestic season.

The right-arm medium pacer, who bid adieu to Karnataka cricket after 15 years to make room for upcoming youngsters in the State, was Puducherry's top wicket-taker in the Ranji Trophy with 45 wickets from nine games at an average of 11.31.

"I had only one-year contract with Puducherry and it expired at the end of my final Ranji Trophy game of the season," Vinay told on Sunday.

Vinay said due to the threat posed by the Covid-19 pandem-

R. Vinay Kumar

ic, his first priority is to stay safe. "Looking at the current situation, how the pandemic has shaken the entire country, I want to adopt a wait-and-watch approach. As a married man, I have to think about my family first," the seasoned campaigner said. The two-time Ranji Trophy winner didn't rule out returning to action if there is a respite from the deadly virus.

Leading the minnows' pace attack, Vinay added another feather to his illustrious career by becoming the second pacer in the Ranji Trophy to bag 400 wickets.

The veteran of 504 first-class wickets from 139 matches, at Puducherry, he had reunited with J. Arun Akumar, who had earlier coached Karnataka in a successful five-season stint when Vinay was the skipper.

Arun Kumar stepped down from his role after the domestic season citing too much interference from the association officials.

England Vs West Indies - 1st Test

Blackwood stars as West Indies beat England by four wickets

Southampton, July 13- Jermaine Blackwood (95) scored his 11th Test half-century that helped the West Indies register a famous four-wicket win over England in Southampton on Sunday.

Chasing 200 for the win on the final day of first Test, Blackwood was well-supported by Roston Chase as the duo put on 73 runs for the fourth wicket. For England, Jofra Archer gave England hope early in the chase by picking up two quick wickets as he removed Kraigg Brathwaite and Shamarh Brooks in successive overs.

Archer came back with another fiery spell and bowled a sharp bouncer to get rid of Roston

Jermaine Blackwood

Chase. With 11 runs needed for the win, Blackwood hit the ball straight into the hands of James Anderson at mid-off. John Campbell, who retired hurt early in the innings, came in to join his skipper in the middle and duo made sure the visitors went over the line without losing any more wickets.

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